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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION THREE OF NINEF46T/3270 WEEKLY DRV AIR DEFENSE
WRAP-UP ON 23 APRIL, BETWEEN 0810Z AND 0838Z, FOUR MIG-17'S PERFORMED A
DEFENSIVE PATROL OVER THE XUAN MAI AREA IN REACTION TO HAC OPERATING NORTHWEST
OF PHUC YEN. THESE MIG PILOTS NEVER REPORTED SIGHOENG ANY OF THE HAC. HOWEVER,
THZY WERE WARNED BY A GROUND CONTROLLER TO "...GET OUT OF THE RANGE OF THE
ROCKETS...", POSSIBLY REFERRING TO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES BEING FIRED IN THAT
AREA. THE MIGS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO BASE. ON 24 APRIL, BETWEEN 0855Z AND
0927Z, FIVE MIGS PERFORMED A DEFENSIVE PATROL OVER THE HOA LAC/HOA BINH AREA IN
REACTION TO HAC SUPPOSEDLY OPERATING IN THAT AREA. ALTHOUGH TACTICAL VOICE
FACILITIES REFERENCED HAD IN THE AREA, AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES DID NOT
REFLECT ANY HAC. NO ENGAGEMENTS OCCURRED AND THE MIGS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT
HA NOI GIA LAM. ON 24 APRIL, BETWEEN 0855Z AND 0927Z, TEN MIGS PERFORMED
DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT. FOUR OF THE MIGS
PATROLLED IN AN AREA EXTENDING FROM 20 TO 28 NMS SOUTHEAST OF KEP, WHILE THE
OTHER SIX MIGS PATROLLED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF HAIPHONG. THE FLIGHT IN THE
KEP AREA PROBABLY ENGAGED TWO HOSTILES APPROXIMATELY 15 NMS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF
HAIPHONG BUT THERE WAS NO REFLECTION OF LOSSES TO EITHER SIDE. THE MIGS IN THE
IMMEDIATE HAIPHONG AREA PROBABLY ENGAGED FOUR HOSTILES, BUT AGAIN, NO
REFLECTIONS OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THESE
TEN MIGS WERE IN REACTION TO U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT. TWO MIG-17'S WERE REPORTED TO BE
SHOTDOWN, BUT THIS COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED BY SIGINT. ON 25 APRIL, BETWEEN 0203Z
AND 0243Z, EIGHT MIG-17'S PERFORMED DEFENSIVE PATROLS WITHIN A TEN NM RADIUS
OF HOA LAC. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT AT LEAST THREE FLIGHTS OF U.S.
AIRCRAFT, NEMARK (4-F105'S), TICO (4-F105'S) AND OPAL (4-F105'S) SIGHTED
MIG-17'S IN THE AREA OF HA NOI AND HOA LAC AND ENGAGED TWO OF THE MIGS. THERE
WERE NO REPORTED LOSSES ON EITHER SIDE AND THE MIGS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT
HA NOI GIA LAM. ON 25 APRIL, BETWEEN 0251Z AND 0330Z, EIGHT MIG-17'S PERFORMED
DEFENSIVE PATROLS OVER HAIPHONG. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO REFLECTIONS OF HOSTILE
INTENT BY THE MIGS, U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT, FLIGHTS NICKLE (2-F8E'S) AND SUNGLASS
(2-F8E'S) REPORTED ENGAGING TWO MIG-17'S AT 0309Z AND 0312Z. U.S. AIRCRAFT
REPORTED THE LOSS OF ONE AIRCRAFT, (SUNGLASSFLT) AS A PROBABLE RESULT OF THE
MIG ENGAGEMENT. ON 25 APRIL, BETWEEN 0855Z AND 0917Z, ONE MIG PERFORMED A
DEFENSIVE PATROL PROBABLY IN REACTION TO U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THE MIG ORBITED
OVER THE HOA LAC/HOA BINH AREA. THERE WAS NO HOSTILE INTENT OR ENGAGEMENT NOTED
FOR THIS ACTIVITY. ON 27 APRIL, BETWEEN 1816Z AND 1855Z, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF
MIGS PERFORMED A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO HAC WEST-NORTHWEST OF HOA BINH.
DURING THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH OCCURRED AT NIGHT, THE MIGS AND HAC AT ONE POINT
CLOSED TO WITHIN 2 NMS OF EACH OTHER, THEIR CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH. THE MIGS
SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED TO BASE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF AN ENGAGEMENT ACTUALLY
TAKING PLACE AT THIS TIME. ON 28 APRIL, BETWEEN 0826Z AND 0927Z, FOUR
MIG-17'S ENGAGED BULLWHIP FLIGHT (4-F105'S) OVER THE VICINITY OF XUAN MAI. THE

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RESULTS OF THIS ENGAGEMENT ARE UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED NONE OF THE MIGS OR F105'S WERE DOWNED. THE MIGS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED RETURNING TO BASE. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, USUALLY FROM 1600Z TO 1730Z, ON 26, 27, AND 28 APRIL, DRV ASF REFLECTED NUMEROUS FLIGHTS OF PROBABLY MIGS FROM PROBABLY HANOI GIA LAM OPERATING OVER AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 25 NMS SOUTHWEST OF HOA BINH. AS THESE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT THIS POSITION, THEY ORBITED AN APPROXIMATELY 15 NMS RADIUS AND THEN RETURNED TO BASE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS AREA, SOUTHWEST OF HOA BINH, MAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECOME A NEW DEFENSIVE PATROL OR INTERCEPT/ATTACK AREA. B. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH NINE MIG-15/17'S. 885 NNNN

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